

**Remarks/Arguments:**

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, and 14-26 are canceled. Claim 27 is new. Claims 3, 6, 7, 9, and 11-13 stand rejected.

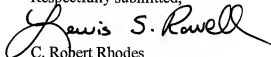
Responsive to the examiner's final rejection dated August 7, 2006, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on November 1, 2006; however, Applicants have not filed an Appeal Brief. Subsequent to the Notice of Appeal, the examiner granted an interview to discuss Applicants' proposed amendments to the pending, rejected claims.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicant's counsel during a telephone interview on January 16, 2007. The substance of that interview is as follows:

- 1) The interviews did not include any exhibits or demonstrations.
- 2) New Claim 27 was discussed in particular.
- 3) The prior art referred to included U.S. Patent No. 2,942,327 to Corry, U.S. Patent No. 4,996,100 to Druckman et al., and U.S. Patent No. 6,539,898 to Gatto.
- 4) Applicant's counsel and the Examiner discussed the inclusion of (1) limitations from previously presented dependent claims, and (2) a recitation of effect yarns, in new independent Claim 27.
- 5) While new independent Claim 27 now includes limitations from certain ones of dependent Claims 2-13, the prior art also fails to teach or suggest a roofing material having an outer layer that comprises both polymeric coated yarns and effect yarns.
- 6) No other pertinent matters were discussed.
- 7) Applicant would file a Request for Continued Examination and an Amendment consistent with the interview.

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending application is now in condition for an immediate allowance with Claims 3, 6, 7, 9, 11-13, and 27, and such action is requested. If any matter remains unresolved, Applicant's counsel would appreciate the courtesy of a telephone call to resolve the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lewis S. Rowell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lewis" being more prominent and the last name "Rowell" following in a similar style.

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